

Why I Bred the American Saddle Horse.

(By W. E. Stillwell.)

I was born to love a horse, and at the age of five years I owned fifteen stick horses. One was a fine show horse, with an arched grapevine neck and a leatherwood tail. When nine years old I was employed by Dr. W. H. Smith, of Leesville, Ind. to take him to and from the B. & O. S. W. R. R.

He always rode a good saddle horse, and it was then that my heart and mind became fond of the saddle horse. They possess great beauty, they are the finest horses living, with a clean, bony, well-tapered head. His neck and arch of pride and grace, a splash of spirit in his face, a tail like that of a squirrel, that is a wonder of the world, and when in action it is pleasing to the eye, and the sound of his music to the ear, and his wonderful greatness fills the soul with a lifting power. There is no machine that can fill the place of an intelligent horse; they are a companion to us. Traveler was a companion to General Lee and his soldiers. His great courage and faithful duties, where others failed in the hardships of war, won the hearts of the soldiers, and when he came into camp, "or on the field of battle," he brought sunshine to the hearts of the brave men, and they cheered him, as they did his kind master, General Lee. Their value as a business horse. They far excel as a business horse. They are at ease under the saddle; while not so swift in harness as the trotter, they make up in beauty and conformation. As a farm horse they are active and quick to learn. While they lack in weight, they make up in step and endurance. It is upon the gentle saddle horse that our great horsemen and women take their first lessons.

The Greatest Show Horse—The saddle horse has forged to the front as America's greatest show horse. They can win more money and show in more rings than any other horse; such as the five-gaited ring, walk trot and canter, combined, model, fine harness ring, heavy harness, roadster, breeders, class, chargers, cavalry, jumpers, champion horses any race. These classes have been won by saddle horses, with strong competition by other breeds. Saddle horse day in Kentucky at the fair is the banner day. When the Bluegrass Fair at Lexington, Ky., hung up \$1,000 for the best saddle stallion, mare, or gelding, it proved a great day. The trains and trolleys groaned with their loads of humanity, and the public roads were lined with vehicles of every description. It was a great day of saddle horse history. Again, last year, at the Bluegrass Fair, when fifty-one colts battled for the \$1,800 stake in the Colt Futurity, it shows that interest is growing, and that its originator, Mr. H. J. Krum, is a leader in the saddle and show horse interests. When the big \$6,000 California Saddle Stake fills, we will see peaches and cream champions. Hurrah for Kentucky! I hope she can win.

Their Value as a Money Producer.—When you can sell a weanling filly for \$800 and win \$700 in premiums, and get \$1,000 worth of pleasure, that means \$2,500 for a saddle filly six months old. When you sell a yearling for \$1,500 it makes your bank book shine, and when you sell a three-year-old for \$5,000 it makes it sparkle. This has been done in the great Bluegrass Nursery, where the champions are bred. Garrett Bros. refused \$5,000 for Black Squirrel when eighteen years old. Seven thousand dollars was refused for Dandy Jim. Rex McDonald sold for \$5,000. Twelve thousand dollars was refused for Bourbon King. Dinah o' the Lea, a great-granddaughter of my horse, Pat Washington, sold as a three-year-old for \$5,000. Poetry of Motion is the greatest show horse living. He won four championships at New York, won seven championships at Louisville, Ky. He was shown six years at all the big shows, without a single defeat, and is still a show horse. Edna Mae comes next, winning \$14,000 in cash, \$6,000 in silver. She sold for \$7,000, which equals \$27,000. Kentucky's Choice won \$3,267 last year, and his last sale was \$7,450. Mr. John Smiley won \$1,632 on Bourbon Prince and others last year.

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P. WEISSBERG.

Dodder in Clover.

A report from the Kentucky Experiment Station is that: One of the most destructive weeds found in Kentucky is a small twining yellow or reddish plant which chambers over clover and alfalfa, securing itself to these plants and robbing them of their sap. It comes from a minute brownish-gray seed, looking like a particle of dirt, which germinates exactly like the seed of clover, but after coming up sets its hold on the soil and fastens upon other plants. The love-vine is a related species, but is commonly found on plants of little value, growing on wet land.

These plants have no true leaves and are not weeds in the proper sense, but parasites, deriving all their nourishment from plants of other sorts. The clover-infesting species becomes extremely destructive at times, and sometimes damages a planting so severely as to compel the owner to plow it up. Fortunately, it does not attack most other plants and hence, even if soil becomes thickly sown with its seeds, it will still produce crops of other sorts. Yet it is sometime a source of loss and annoyance to the farmer to give up a tract of land for clover, or alfalfa, because of the presence of the seeds of dodder in the soil, and the question is often asked: "What can I do to get rid of it?"

Very little can be done once soil is thickly sown with the seeds except using the land for other crops not subject to attack and waiting until the seeds have lost their vitality. Just how long this will be necessary has not been determined but it would probably be a good many years judging by what we know of the persistence of other seeds.

It is a matter of the utmost importance therefore to prevent land becoming infested with the pest and here something can be done. The seeds have been sown in large numbers in Kentucky with clover and alfalfa seed. Our work of inspecting the field seeds sold in the market showed originally that a large proportion of both the clover and alfalfa seeds contained dodder seeds. At one time screenings containing dodder and other weed seeds were imported to this country from Europe and were mixed with the seeds sold to our farmers. This fact accounts for the general presence of dodder seeds among clover and alfalfa seeds when we began our work. The pest was about that time so thickly sown over the State that at present one is liable to find its seeds in any home-grown clover or alfalfa seed offered for sale.

To avoid sowing the seeds farmers should first acquaint themselves with their appearance and to do this it is only necessary to buy a tripod magnifier costing about fifty cents, spread a sample of clover or alfalfa seeds on a sheet of white paper and separate all foreign seeds. Dodder seeds may be recognized by the fact that they are smaller than the average well matured clover and alfalfa seeds, measuring but about 0.04 inch in diameter, whereas good clover seed should measure about 0.07 inch in length, and alfalfa 0.08 or 0.09 inch. Seeds of the pest are nearly spherical, though sometimes slightly angled owing to the pressure of the seed against another in the seed capsule. The surface is dull and smooth, the color, pale gray, or light brownish gray. Seeds of the field dodder or love vine, sometimes found with clover seeds, average a little larger than clover dodder seeds and thus are not so easily screened out with the sieves used by seedsmen. Standard sieves are in use, however, that will remove most, or all clover dodder seeds, and the presence of this dodder seed in samples is to be looked upon as condemning the stock from which it was taken. No man working for the good of the agriculture of his country will knowingly put such seeds on the market.

When farmers or seedsmen are unable to decide for themselves about the presence of dodder seeds, samples should be sent to the Experiment Station at Lexington, where they will be examined free of charge.

Farmers can help greatly in reducing the injuries of dodder, not only by refusing to buy field seeds in which are dodder seeds, but by refraining from harvesting clover seeds of infested fields. When dodder is prevalent in clover or alfalfa it is sometimes wise to cut the crop before the dodder seeds are ripe, or else plow the whole growth under and put the land in some other crop. A few patches of dodder in a field may sometimes be completely eradicated by using crude carbolic acid freely. This kills plants of all sorts for a time, but in one instance of slight infestation it was made use of to accomplish the purpose very effectively on the Experiment Farm.

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